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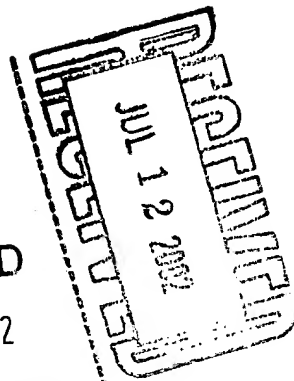
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- JP 3-95029 is cited in the office action for JP 2000-185682 by the Japanese Patent Examiner as relating to the use of a step in a paper guide to allow the paper to fall naturally during feeding. An English translation of the abstract for this Japanese patent application is provided, however, a complete translation is not available to applicant at this time.

- JP 6-164834 is cited in the office action for JP 2000-185683 by the Japanese Patent Examiner as relating to the arrangement of rollers which are not situated in only one line.

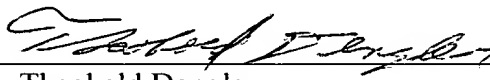
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It is applicants position that no fee or statement is due at this time in relation to the submission of this Information Disclosure Statement, because no office action has been received by applicant since the filing of this application.

Favorable action is respectfully requested.

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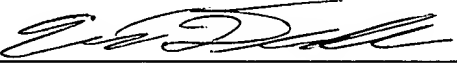
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